

## TEMPLE



## TOPICS

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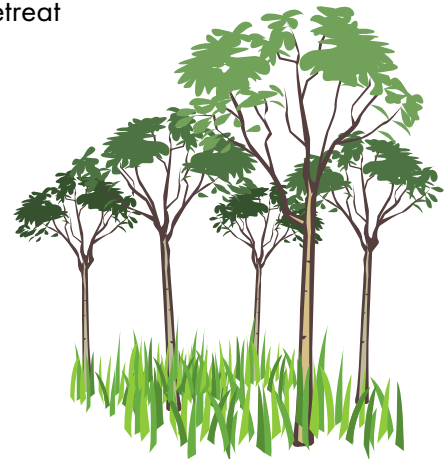
**THINGS TO DO:**

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Torah Study  
Hebrew 101  
Learn to Chant Torah  
Back to Judaism Basics  
Tot Shabbat  
Shabbat Shira  
Tu B'Shevat  
Movie Night  
Thought for Food  
Congregational Retreat

**Donate to the CFA  
each time you come  
to synagogue!**  
Help us "fill the CFA  
truck" all year long!

Happy  
New Year!





## President's Message

Judy Teich

*Change is:*

Last month I had the privilege of attending the URJ 2019 Biennial in Chicago with Rabbi Ilana and 12 members of our congregation. I cannot possibly describe the energy, joy and *ruach*, spirit generated by 5000 Reform Jews gathered together in prayer and song at the plenaries and on Shabbat.

Thursday evening at the plenary (large group) session, Rabbi Jacobs, president of the URJ spoke about making our tent bigger and even more inclusive. At one of the many Shabbat learning sessions Saturday afternoon, Marra Gad, author of "Color of Love" and a Jew of color questioned if our tent is more inclusive from within, not just to the outside community.

There were so many learning sessions to choose from - torah study, leadership development, social action and congregational engagement, and of course, spending time with friends - those we already knew and those we just met. There were leaders, speakers, rabbis and cantors. At the biennial, there was plenty of opportunity to network and collect business cards. One of the business cards was particularly appropriate for us at BHSS. I turned over the card and found this:

*"Change is: constant, terrifying, challenging, empowering, daunting, exhilarating, inevitable, dynamic."*

Like congregational presidents before me who have addressed their congregation about change, I too, am addressing you about change.

In November, you received a letter informing the congregation of yet another change in our community (also reprinted in this issue of *Temple Topics*). Our beloved Cantor Perper will begin a new chapter of his life and explore new opportunities effective July 1, 2020. We are so grateful for all that Cantor Perper has done for our community and wish him and his wife Cantor Faith Steinsnyder the very best in all their future endeavors.

Please join me and help celebrate Cantor Perper throughout the next several months. Save the date! **Friday, June 12, 2020** when

we will publicly and formally express our deep gratitude to Cantor Perper and his 13 years of service to BHSS. I am delighted that Lisa Lamster and Candy Kassover will co-chair Cantor Perper's Shabbat Farewell Celebration. I look forward to a Shabbat evening second to none.

In the meantime, the Cantorial Search committee is off to a quick start to find our next cantor co-chaired by the ever-capable Gary Buchalter, Stacey Coyne and Gail Spencer. I have so much faith and confidence in the committee. In the meantime, please look for their Temple Topics article and updates on our website under the "clergy" tab.

I was looking through old copies of *Temple Topics* and I came upon an article written in March of 2016 by Nancy Levene, one of our past presidents. Nancy summarized all of our changes over the last 46+ years: locations, clergy and staff, building structures - even our prayerbook have changed. With the many changes there has, thankfully, been plenty of consistency. BHSS continues to be a cohesive community. We are welcoming, we are strong - made up of many individuals - all engaged in Reform Judaism, *tikun olam*, healing the world, spirituality, and education. I am looking forward to the future.

In closing, I'd like to share a prayer Rabbi Ilana introduced me to: Blessed are you, God, who gives strength to me, and who is present in the unfolding of these changes.



## Packing ... and Unpacking

I have been told that one of the reasons Jews have historically valued education is that we always knew we could take it with us when we needed to leave. Whether we were choosing to go or had to flee, our knowledge always accompanied us. Learning is never wasted; there are other things we take with us as well, that we pack into our hearts, minds, and memories even when we may not be able to bring things.

I am heavy packer—I take something with me for every contingency I can, space and time permitting, of course. This February, I will get to pack early to my heart's delight. That is because I will have two major events (with very different needs for attire) back to back. On Friday, February 22, I will load onto the bus with Rebecca McVeigh and an excited crew of BHSS teens. Each year we head to Washington DC to converge with hundreds of other Reform congregations' high schoolers for the Religious Action Center's Bernard and Audre Rapoport L'Taken Social Justice Seminar. L'Taken teaches our high schoolers how to advocate for issues important to them. Then they are given the opportunity to impact our country by speaking directly with decision-makers on Capitol Hill. When we pack for DC, we will bring laptops and professional attire. When we leave, along with our laundry we will bring home our sense of accomplishment, a set of new skills, heightened comradery, and enthusiasm for all the future holds.

Then we'll rush home just as fast as that bus can carry us. I will barely have time to take the business casual attire out of my suitcase and refill it with the warmest casual clothes I can find before I head to URJ Camp Harlam for the 2020 BHSS Retreat on Friday, February 28. Somehow that newly re-filled bag will still contain all the intangibles it carried home from DC. Once at Harlam, I will find space for spiritual growth, community connection, personal fulfillment, and abounding joy. The retreat is about praying and playing in a way completely unique to the circumstances. The experience sticks in your head like a song you can't stop singing. It will be Cantor Perper's last retreat...but we know we will always

## Rabbi's Reflections

Rabbi Ilana Schwartzman



bring him with us to the retreat and back home again. We will pack the image of him leading us in song, sharing his love for Judaism, and teaching us along the way.

These are my winter travels. And you? Will you go physically? Through a learning experience? Through people you encounter? Each step we take, every lesson we take to heart, and every person we meet provides us something to take with us. They can inspire us, change us, and help us with the next leg of the journey.



### Guidelines:

No Pork, No Shellfish

Please honor the month's milk or meat designation; *parve* (neither meat nor dairy) dishes always welcome!

You only need to make one batch/recipe's worth.

Everyone will have a chance to have a taste of each recipe. Everything needs to be prepared at home; we will not be reheating or cooking at BHSS.

Bring 20 copies of your recipe - or email to temple and we can copy for you!

### January: Where are you from?

Make a dish that represents your past.

**Meat dish**, please no dairy, *parve* always welcome!

Tuesday, January 28 7:30-8:30 p.m.

### February: Best of Bubby!

What is the comfort food that has been passed down in your family?

**Meat dish**, please no dairy, *parve* always welcome!

Wednesday, February 19, 7:30-8:30 p.m.



## From the Educator's Office

Rebecca McVeigh

Connecting

In December, like others from our congregation, I was privileged to attend the URJ, Union for Reform Judaism, Biennial convention. I had heard Chicago was cold, and until the last morning, when I thought I'd brave the chill for a 3-block walk to a Starbucks store to grab my "You Are Here" Chicago edition mug to add to my collection, I was a skeptic. Clad in my parka that serves me well in the New Jersey winters, scarf, and mittens, I got one long block away and turned back. It's a special kind of cold, right through my coat, and the exposed parts of my face seemed to freeze instantaneously. Fortunately, they had the mugs at the airport!

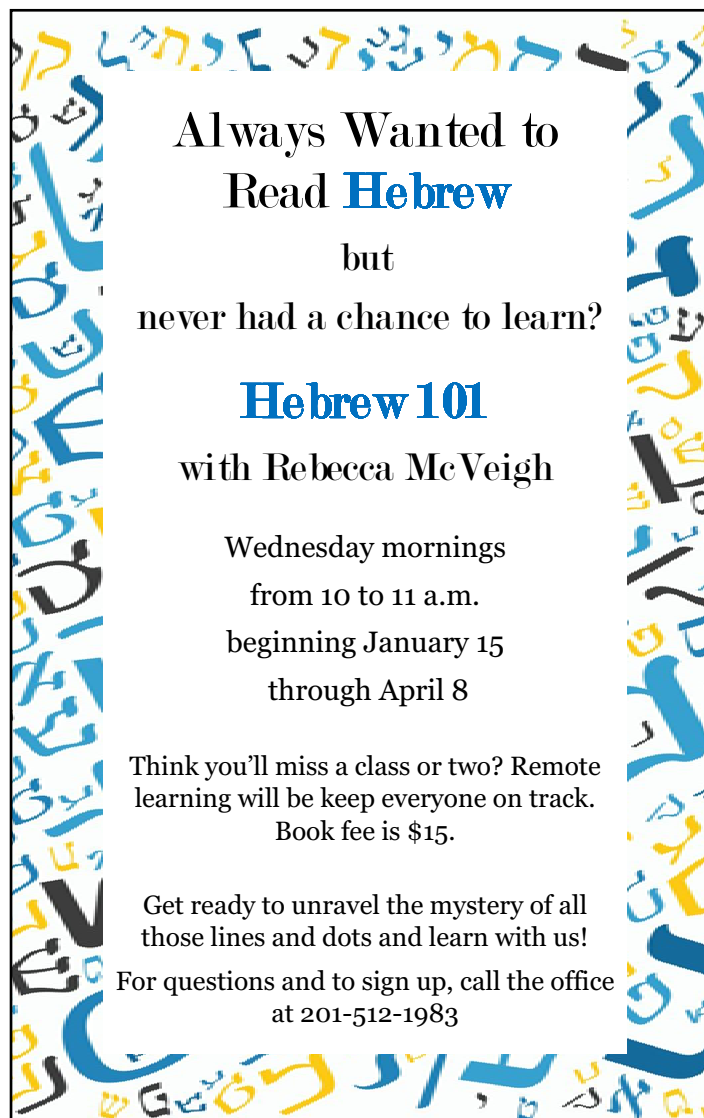
But until that Sunday morning I hadn't felt cold, even though we ventured out for a quick cab ride to dinner. The spirit and warmth of community that envelops you as soon as you walk into your hotel, never mind the convention center, is really unlike anything I experience except at Biennial. Each of us, and I mean all 5,000 of us, is there for the same purpose – to study, to network, to pray, to sing, to shop in the exhibit hall (!) to just **connect** – and we all do. Biennial is an excellent place to meet IRL, In Real Life, all those people you network with on Facebook!

Connecting like this is a goal for our congregation and our school. We all may have different Jewish journeys, and many of us have different Jewish Adjacent - a new, wonderful term I learned at Biennial for someone who is not Jewish but is connected to Jewish community through a relationship or in any other way - journeys. We want to meet you where you are on your journey and help you pass along your own traditions while teaching your children as much as we can about what it means to be a Reform Jew. (Did you know that Reform Judaism has traditions too?)

Part of our shared heritage is Hebrew, the language of so many of our songs and prayers. Around this time of year, Hebrew classes have moved on from review to beginning new prayers, or for the 4th graders, started to build on the letters and vowels they've learned, adding more each week. Hebrew and prayer acquisition can be one of the hardest things for students to feel they are successful at. So, this is also the time of year when some of our parents start to worry that their children are "falling behind" or are unhappy in class because they're uncomfortable in not knowing what everyone else seems to know.

I want to make sure you know that a) you are not alone and b) help is available. Please, come to me and talk about any discomfort your child is having in their Hebrew class. **I am available** to sit with them on other days of the week for 15-20 minute "booster" sessions – private times when I can help your students get a better grip on their Hebrew, and feel better about how they are doing in class. Sometimes it only takes once or twice, and sometimes longer, but understand that I want your children to feel good about themselves in our building, because I want it to be their place to feel successful, and safe, and happy.

Biennial always brings a renewed sense of excitement about what I do as a Jewish professional, about possibility, potential, and the promise of so many good things we can do together. I wish you all a joyous, healthy, safe entry into 2020 and look forward to making even more connections!



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but  
never had a chance to learn?

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*Ryan Sica*

*Emily Smith*

*Remi Tetefsky*

*Jared Watton*

## Cantor's Corner

### Gratitude & Farewell

*David Perper*



Each and every week the majority of my office hours go toward teaching and guiding our bar and bat mitzvah families. Each child begins and ends at a different point on the journey. To see their growth and their composure, to hear the beauty of their Torah is something that at each service, gives me great pride and satisfaction.

This installment of Gratitude and Farewell goes out to all the B'nei Mitzvah families with which I have had the good fortune to experience the journey from child to young adult in the eyes of their faith community. Each student, regardless of skill level, has allowed me to give them inspiration and the gifts of our faith through text and melody, as well as tools they will use as they grow and mature and go out into the world.

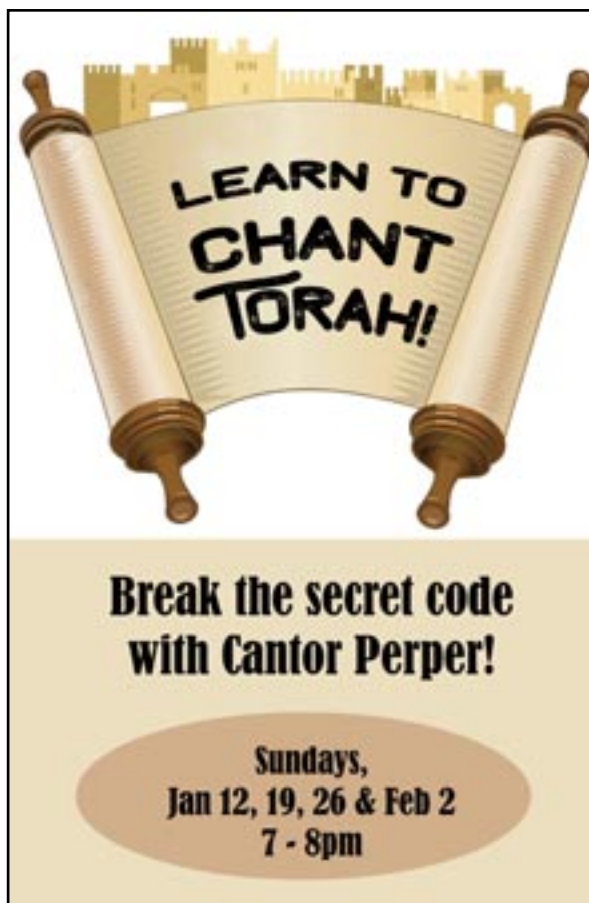
Along the way, recognizing the techniques and methods that I use to teach and to mold, parents have often said to me, Cantor, can you come home with us, because my child listens to you more than they listen to us at home." I, of course, invariably say, "No!"

My students have taught me and helped me to become a better instructor, a more patient cantor, focused on only those goals which aid in their achieving their best results. To the parents of B'nei Mitzvah, thank you for your openness and patience, and at

times, your pushing back, to ensure that your child is given the very best chance at success on their special Shabbat morning.

I want to offer my gratitude to my supporting players, our Director of Education, Rebecca McVeigh, Rabbi Schwartzman and Iris and Lisa. I am leaving a great team. To all of you I say *Mazal Tov* and *Yashar Koach*. It's been an honor and a joy.

B'Shalom,  
Cantor



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## February Birthdays

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*Sloane Irizarry*

*Dara Kotz*

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*Felix Schindler*

*Reid Sendroff*



## Candlelighting times:

January 3 Vayigash 4:22 pm  
January 10 Vay'chi 4:29 pm  
January 17 Sh'mot 4:37 pm  
January 24 Va'era 4:45 pm  
January 31 Bo 4:54 pm

February 7 B'Shallach – Shabbat Shirah 5:03 pm  
February 14 Yitro 5:11 pm  
February 21 Mishpatim 5:20 pm  
February 28 Terumah 5:28 pm



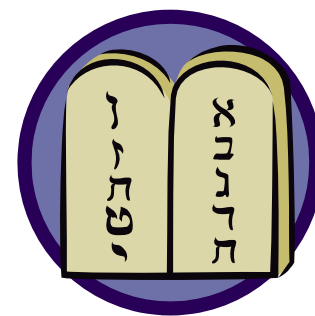
# January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
			Office Closed		7:30 pm Tefilot	Vayigash 9:00 am Torah Study
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9 am FS & 6th	4 pm School K-3 6:45 pm Kadimah	4 pm School 4/5 7:30 pm Ritual mtg	7:30 pm Adult Choir		5:15 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Tefilot	Vay'chi 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Jacob Berwitz
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9 am FS & 6th 6 pm Healing Service 7 pm Trope Class	4 pm School K-3 6:45 pm Kadimah	4 pm School 4/5 7:30 pm MMG mtg 7:30 pm Exec. Comm.	10 am Hebrew 101 7:30 pm Adult Choir		7:30 pm Tefilot	Sh'mot 9:00 am Torah Study
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
No School 7 pm Trope Class	Office Closed No School	No School 7:30 pm Board mtg	10 am Hebrew 101 7:30 pm Adult Choir		7:30 pm Tefilot	Va'era 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Ryan Sica & Remi Tetefsky 7 p.m. Havdalah & Movie Night
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9 am FS & 6th 1 pm Film: Screenagers 7 pm Trope Class	4 pm School K-3 6:45 pm Kadimah	4 pm School 4/5 6:30 pm Group Class 7:30 pm Music mtg 7:30 pm Thought for Food	10 am Hebrew 101 7:30 pm Adult Choir		6:30 pm Tefilot Family Service January & February Birthdays	

# February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday 1
						Bo 8:15 am Torah Study 10 am Sloane Irizarry
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# ...will be called to the Torah...



## **Jacob Berwitz – January 11, 2020**

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Allison, Father, Josh, Sister, Hailey, 10 ..... is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School ..... His interests include animals, skateboarding, and video games. "I am excited to be considered an adult in the Jewish religion like generations of Jews before me. I volunteer at Oasis where I tutor kids while their mothers get education and other supportive services to help them get out of poverty."



## **Ryan Sica – January 25, 2020**

Lives in Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. Mother, Judy, Father, Tom, Brother, Eric, 9 ..... is a 7th grader at Cavallini Middle School ..... His interests include playing and watching sports, especially baseball and basketball, as well as hanging out with friends and family. "I'd like to have a successful and happy life. I am excited to share this special occasion with my family. I collected used sports equipment for children that are in need as well as volunteered for a basketball camp for children with special needs."



## **Remi Tetefsky – January 25, 2020**

Lives in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. Mother, Lindsay, Father, Matthew, Brother, Drew, 9 ..... is a 7th grader at Woodcliff Middle School ..... Her interests include running, fashion, and hanging out with friends and family. "I would like to work in the fashion industry. I'm very excited to experience this special occasion with my friends and family. I'm proud to read my Torah portion. I love to run, therefore I will be collecting lightly worn sneakers to donate to kids who are less fortunate than myself."



## **Sloane Irizarry – February 1, 2020**

Lives in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. Mother, Julie, Father, Marc, Brothers, Liam, 15, Nolan, 11 ..... is a 7th grader at Woodcliff Middle School ..... Her interests include soccer, soccer, and more soccer. "I want to go to a good college and have a good career, where I make a difference in the world. I feel excited and overwhelmed. I have worked on Project NEST. I collected money and food from supermarkets, put bags of food collected together at school, and delivered the bags of food to people in need in Newark. It was an amazing day! I also tied a new set of tzitzit on a tallit for the synagogue. I am also involved in Friendship Circle where I help children with special needs play sports with "typical" children."



## **Jonathan Grossman – February 8, 2020**

Lives in Mahwah, New Jersey. Mother, Lisa, Father, Jon ..... is a 7th grader at Ramapo Ridge Middle School ..... His interests including soccer, basketball, mathematics, and gaming. "I'd like to be the best version of myself. My bar mitzvah will be a turning point in my life and will have importance forever. I will be selling apparel to raise money for Boys Town Jerusalem."



## **Julia Mandler – February 8, 2020**

Lives in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey. Mother, Jennifer, Father, Ronald, Brother, Ben, 14 ..... is a 7th grader at Woodcliff Middle School ..... Her interests include horseback riding and figure skating. "I would like to become a horse trainer or marine biologist in the future. I'm proud to become a bat mitzvah, and also a little nervous. I am working as a volunteer at the Bergen County Horse Rescue, and helping raise funds for the horses."



## **Jared Watton – February 15, 2020**

Lives in Ramapo, New York. Mother, Mindy, Father, Stu ..... is a 7th grader at Suffern Middle School ..... His interests movie making and film. "I would like to become a teacher. I know that becoming a bar mitzvah will help me feel as if I'm a man. I want to help provide toys for children in need."

# *Eternal Lights*

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Children can attend religious school when their parents need assistance, families join our BHSS family even when they need a little extra help, and programs are provided and expanded for every congregant.

On behalf of Beth Haverim Shir Shalom and myself I want to say thank you. Thank you for your continued support. Thank you for making us more than a synagogue, more than a school but a sacred community from generation to generation.

May the number of fillet minions and lamb chops continue to grow eternally just like our Eternal Lights.

And to those who have not yet joined us, we would welcome you to become part of our Eternal Lights family.

*L'Chayim*

Best,  
Deborah Klein  
Event Chairperson

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# Congegational Announcement

Dear Friends,

Thirteen years ago, Cantor David Perper joined Beth Haverim as our cantor, and since has become a beloved member of our clergy team and congregational family. Today we begin the process of saying goodbye, as Cantor will be leaving BHSS, effective June 30, 2020, to begin a new chapter in his life and explore new opportunities.

Since 2006, Cantor Perper has lifted our voices through song and has created a spiritual ruach second to none. He helped guide two unique congregations into a blended spiritual home by respecting the rituals and traditions from our legacy congregations and creating new customs unique to BHSS. Cantor helped our community successfully navigate through two Rabbinical transitions. He has been a teacher, a mentor and a friend and we will forever value and appreciate his many contributions during his tenure with us.

We know his leaving will impact each person and family differently. In the upcoming days and weeks, we are fully committed and prepared to continue to meet the needs and expectations of our membership. We have formed a Cantorial Search Committee, to be co-chaired by Gary Buchalter, Gail

Spencer and Stacey Coyne. They will lead the search for a new cantor to partner with Rabbi Ilana and our professional staff. We are excited about the possibilities and anticipate that the placement process will result in a new cantor joining our congregation beginning July 1, 2020.

Plans are already underway to publicly and formally express our deep gratitude and celebrate Cantor Perper's sacred partnership with our congregation. For now, we thank Cantor for lifting our voices high through song, for guiding our children, and providing spiritual support. We look forward to the next seven months of his continued service to us and wish him and his wife, Cantor Faith Steinsnyder, the very best in all their future endeavors.

May we go from strength to strength as a sacred community of friends,

L'shalom,

Judy Teich  
President

## From the Cantorial Search Committee

The search for a new cantor is a serious and holy endeavor. We are proud to represent BHSS as each and every one of us will be affected by its outcome. Our first effort in this process was to choose a diverse group of congregants who would join us as the search committee. We are pleased to announce that everyone has accepted this leadership role and understands the full commitment of this search.

During our first meeting in December the co-chairs entered into a covenant with our search committee. We are honored that the leaders and congregants have trusted us with the sacred responsibility of searching for our next cantor.

Our application has been submitted to the American Conference of Cantors (ACC) and the committee has started the search.

We will work for the sake of our BHSS community. We will only recommend to our congregation the candidates whom we support with our whole heart! We have big shoes to fill, as Cantor Perper has led us so beautifully these past thirteen years. The mantra that "We Love Our Cantor" must ring true for his successor as well!

We are committed to keeping you informed of our progress in this search process. Please check the BHSS website (at the "Clergy" tab) for updates from the search committee.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in our hands.

Co-Chairs: Gary Buchalter, Stacey Coyne and Gail Spencer  
Committee Members: Dara Diamond, Eric Einhorn, Al Levene, Jackie Lowenfels, Al Schlosser, Tai Weiss and Kathy Zukof

## Ritual Committee

When put to the task of writing the January/February Ritual Committee article, my first thought is to say “Happy New Year!” But I hesitate, because I wonder where the secular New Year fits into Judaism, and if it is proper to wish my synagogue community a secular New Year greeting.

An article from The Jerusalem Post in 2016 explains that both have their place. Each celebrates new beginnings, and the promise that they bring. And as for New Year resolutions, Rosh Hashanah resolutions are more spiritual, and the secular New Year resolutions take on a more physical sense, i.e. losing weight, saving money, going to the gym.

I like to think that my participation in ritual at BHSS has combined both. Spiritually, I am learning more about Judaism, and how it pertains to my beliefs. A few Rosh Hashanahs ago, I prayed for more patience and tolerance, as I found myself falling short of both while grieving over losing my mother. Just formulating those words made me more aware of my shortcomings, and I constantly work to improve upon them. And as the ball drops on 2020, my resolution is to use the free time my work allows me in even more purposeful ways. The time I give to BHSS is a blessing to me, and I hope continues to contribute in making our community everything it can be.

If you have made a resolution to get more involved in synagogue life, it is easy to do. The Ritual Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month. Plus, there's Sisterhood and Brotherhood, choir, library, social action and caring committees (there are more...sorry if I missed you.) All of these groups welcome new faces and new inspiration to make BHSS a sanctuary for all. If you would like to discuss getting involved, contact me any time. Shabbat Shirah is February 7, and Purim is just around the corner...two great ways to enjoy BHSS!

For now, I've gotta go...I don't want to be late for my Pilates class!

On behalf of my co-chair Debbie Royal and the Ritual Committee, I wish you a wonderful New Year...and new decade!

Michelle Sherry, Ritual Committee Co-Chair

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# Sisterhood News

Happy New Year from your BHSS Sisterhood! We're hoping your holiday celebrations were light, bright and low-calorie. Well, ok, two out of three isn't bad. Did you party hearty with us at the amazing Sisterhood/Brotherhood holiday party? Can those Vintage Souls rock the house, or what?

This month, we are rescheduling our **Yoga** meeting, which was cancelled in October, on January 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Body Positive Works, 96 East Allendale Road, Saddle River, NJ. Remember, this is Yoga for Every Body—even if you do yours in a chair. Come on out, and help support the Center for Safety and Change. This month, our Social Action initiative is a yoga pants and t-shirts collection. Use some of those gift cards and post-holiday sales to do good for our community.

On February 9, join us for **L'Dor V'Dor Bingo** (yes, there are prizes!) at the Promenade in Chestnut Ridge from 1:30-3:30 p.m. We hope that every member will bring someone of another generation with her, so that we have kids, members and seniors. As always, refreshments served!

In both January and February, we will be holding two collections for our **Pajama Drive** for Oasis. Please drop off new pj's for children or toddlers at the box at BHSS. When you join us for Bingo, please bring a pair for a woman or a child.

So speaking of rocking the house, are you afraid you missed your chance at the Farewell Yellow Brick Road Tour? Guess what? You DIDN'T! BHSS Sisterhood brings you the **Raffle for Elton John** Tickets! Tickets are \$36 for your chance to win a pair of great seats for his concert on April 11, 2020 at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn. The drawing will be held at our Purim shpiel, so don't miss it! Our Hamilton winner from last year is still smiling. Come on, isn't it your turn? Contact Mona Lefkowitz at doclefk@optonline.net.

One of Sisterhood's most loved events, the **Dine-A-Round**, returns on March 14. Would you like to host a dinner for some of your new and old friends? Watch for details.

As spring returns, we will be anticipating the **Miriam Seder** on April 2, and our **Mah Jongg** tournament on April 5. **Sisterhood Shabbat** is always a great event, and will follow on May 8.

Hoping all these plans warm you up, and get you excited to join us at all our BHSS Sisterhood events! Remember, Sisterhood is great because YOU are a part of it. And if you're not—you SHOULD be!

Linda Vogel and Mona Sussman



From anywhere in America to the Far East, would you like to explore world cuisine? If the answer is yes, then this group is for you. From good old USA steak and potatoes to tapas to sushi and more, we are lucky to be able to sample the world's cuisines in our own backyard. Join us for A Taste of the World! Look for dates and locations coming up in the weekly emails.

Melanie Grossman

## Michelle Mitzvah Group

Can you believe it, we are now in the year 2020?!?! Does this mean we all now have "20-20" vision? Would there be any need for "hindsight being 20-20?"

As we are now into the New Year, I always wonder if it is the same resolutions we make for Rosh Hashanah. One resolution people make is to "get involved" by helping their community. If that is your New Year's resolution, please look no further than the Michelle Mitzvah Group. We are always looking for volunteers and, just like the circus, we accept "ladies and gentlemen and children of all ages."

You might be thinking, what can I do? Here are a just a few ideas and links to the websites:

- Volunteer at the Suffern Soup Kitchen to help prepare meals
- Help mentor young women at OASIS
- Pickup & deliver food donations
- Donating food to the Center Food Action
- Oasis- A Haven for Women [www.oasisnj.org](http://www.oasisnj.org)
- Emmanuel Cancer Foundation [www.emmanuelcancer.org](http://www.emmanuelcancer.org)
- Center for Food Action [www.cfanj.org](http://www.cfanj.org)

Don't let the year go by and then wonder about "20-20 hindsight" when we all have the foresight.

The Michelle Mitzvah Group meets the second Tuesday of every month, 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact Steven Simon at [steveoum@verizon.net](mailto:steveoum@verizon.net) or call/text me at 201-788-6755.

B'Shalom

Steven Simon  
Michelle Mitzvah Group Chair

*"You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it."*  
(Pirkei Avot 2:21)



**BHSS Sisterhood Concert Raffle**

**Elton John-Farewell Yellow Brick Road Tour**  
**Saturday, April 11, 2020, 8 pm**  
**Barclays Center**

Brooklyn, NY  
Prize – 2 Lower Level Seats  
Drawing held at the BHSS Purim Shpiel  
Winner need not be present to win. Cost per raffle ticket: \$36  
For more information please contact Mona Lefkowitz,  
201-723-3238 [doclefo@optonline.net](mailto:doclefo@optonline.net)

## *save the dates*

**Purim Shpiel - Monday night, March 9**

**Purim Mini Shpiel and Carnival - Sunday, March 8**

**Passover - Community Second Seder -**  
Thursday night, April 9

## From the *Sifriyah*

In the summer of 2007, Beth Haverim and the Reform Temple of Suffern – Shir Shalom merged. Immediately, our library (*Sifriyah*) became an integral and important part of the new congregation. That was 12 years ago and the library is still a vital force in synagogue life. As we start a new secular year, perhaps this is a good time to review some of the ways in which the library is relevant.

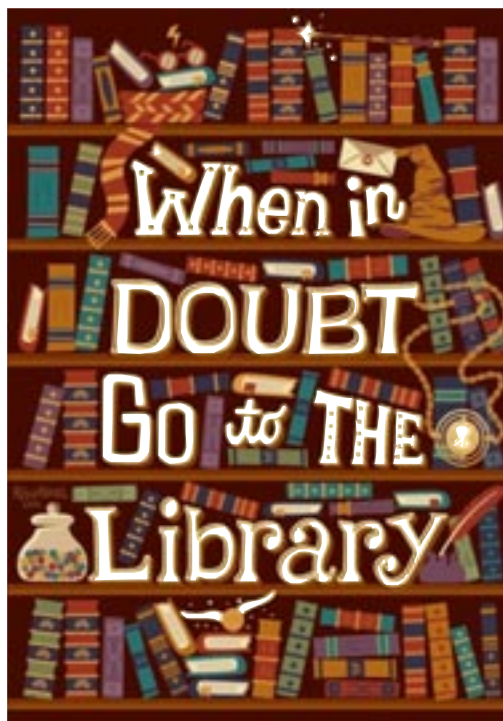
- Newest books for all ages;
- Large collection of fiction and nonfiction books
- Field trips;
- Movies;
- Book and Bagel (book review and discussion);
- Guest speakers;
- Special Programs;
- Passover booklets (recipes);
- Ongoing digital improvement (resulting in easier access to titles);
- Regular contributor to Temple Topics;
- Support of Oasis and temple book fair;
- Meeting room for other activities;
- Quiet space for all to contemplate, sit, read.

Eleven active committee members; Continuity... More than 50% of us count 12-years of service; Dedication... Attend monthly meetings.

We are proud and dedicated to doing well but know we are and will always be a work in progress.

Please help us to better serve the community by offering suggestions.

No ideas are too small.



Join us for stories, singing, and snacks with our clergy and educator and a taste of Shabbat with your little ones!

Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles with children ages birth to 5 (siblings welcome too.)  
**Fridays from 5:15 to 6 p.m.** (see dates below)

## Tot Shabbat



Join us for Tot Shabbat followed by dinner.

**January 10**  
**February 14**  
**March 13**  
**April 17**  
**May 15**  
**June 12**

Please RSVP to the temple office,  
201-512-1983

# Brotherhood

L'Shalom, and Happy Secular New Year! 2020 means perfect vision. What is your vision for 2020 and beyond? What do you hope to achieve this year? What bad habits do you hope to shed...and what good habits do you hope to acquire? Keep in mind that 21 consecutive days of repetitive behavior becomes a habit. So, let's talk about Brotherhood.

According to Mussar, the *middah* of Humility teaches us to not take up more space than we need, but to also not take up any less space than we deserve. What this means, in layperson's terms, is this: don't monopolize conversations, and don't be so obnoxious, bold and offensive as to overpower others...but it also means to not allow yourself to be buried in the corner, your voice not heard, and your space violated. Nowadays, many of us feel that our voices are not heard, and our identity is being masked. Antisemitism is on the rise, and in some cases, within our own Jewish community. Perhaps some of us are feeling that we cannot freely express our Judaism as much as we had just a few years ago. Politics and religion may sometimes be very polarizing, as extremes become the norms and moderates and progressives are caught in the middle...taking up less space than we deserve.

For 2020, we are personally inviting each and every one of you to come out to a Brotherhood event – a dinner, a bike ride, a barbecue...something...and let's create an open forum and dialogue. Let us humbly take our space, express our opinions, thoughts and ideas. Let's create a more perfect vision for 2020 and beyond.

BHSS Brotherhood. Changing the world, one Mitzvah at a time.

Jonathan A. Theodore  
Current Past President

## *Upcoming events:*

**January 16, 2020** – Growler and Gill,  
7:30 PM. Thursday is beer tasting  
night...

**January 26, 2020** – BHSS Brotherhood  
Raps – 10:00 AM at Panera Bread,  
Ramsey, NJ – next to Staples

**February 5, 2020** – BHSS Brotherhood  
Board Meeting – all are welcome,  
7:00 PM, location TBD

**February 20, 2020** – Dinner – 7:30 PM  
Location TBD, watch your emails

**February 23, 2020** – BHSS  
Brotherhood Raps – 10:00 AM at Panera  
Bread, Ramsey, NJ – next to Staples

**Weekend of February 28 – March 1** –  
Brotherhood will have a "Raps Remote"  
at the annual Retreat at Camp Harlam...

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Come join the unofficial

## **BHSS Bicycle and Hiking Club**

We ride on Sundays at 9 a.m. and sometimes at 8 a.m. when the weather warms.  
We like the rail to trail best, but sometimes ride on the road.

We mostly ride the Monroe - Goshen rail to trail  
and sometimes find other trails to ride as well.  
We always end with food, coffee and conversation. When we can't cycle we hike.  
Good company - good conversation - cycling, hiking and fun.

Give a shout out to Michael Feldman at [jurisfeld@gmail.com](mailto:jurisfeld@gmail.com).  
See you soon!



# Contributions

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

in honor of Gail and Ranan Wichler - *Ariela Wichler*

in memory of Mark Cohen and with thanks - *Jayne Cohen*

with thanks and appreciation - *Kerri & Rob Eisenberg*

thank you for our marriage blessing and helping with our Ketubah - *Brian & Anabel Schlosser Garcia*

in honor of Annabel Theodore's Bat Mitzvah - *Susan Rivkind & Richard Zucker*

thank you for a great semester of religious school! - *the BHSS Religious School families*

## Cantor's Discretionary Fund:

to Gail & Daryl Spencer- in honor of Eddie and Sarah's engagement - Mazel Tov - *Lynn & Michael Zall*

in memory of Mark Cohen and with thanks - *Jayne Cohen*

with thanks and in memory of Margo Charne - *George Charne & family*

with thanks and in memory of Joel Becker - *Irma Becker*

in honor of Annabel Theodore's Bat Mitzvah - *Susan Rivkind & Richard Zucker*

## Educators Discretionary Fund

in honor of Annabel Theodore's Bat Mitzvah - *Susan Rivkind & Richard Zucker*

## Life Fund

to Arlene and Rich Mandel, in honor of Phillip's engagement - Mazel Tov - *Candy & Michael Kassover*

to Gail and Daryl Spencer, in honor of Eddie and Sarah's engagement - Mazel Tov - *Candy & Michael Kassover*

to Jane and Eric Koch, in honor of Jenna's engagement - Mazel Tov - *Candy & Mike Kassover*

to Mona and Jeff Lefkowitz, in honor of Jaclyn's engagement - *Candy & Mike Kassover*

to George Charne, in memory of Margo Charne - *Susan Grant & Brian King*  
- *Elyse Victor Berman & Joe Berman*

to Bill Pearlman and family, in memory of your father, Ben Pearlman - *Gail & Ranan Wichler*  
- *Marci & Harvey Weinberg*

to Floyd & Ilyse Smith, in your honor for all your good works - *the Ursaner family*

in commemoration of Jerome Weinberg's yahrzeit - *Marci & Harvey Weinberg*

to Steve Eisenberg, in memory of Joyce Eisenberg - *Trudi & Frank Eisenberg*

in commemoration of the yahrzeits of David and Sylvia Haberman, and Renee Kupchin - *Marilyn & Irwin Haberman*

to Irma Becker, in memory of Joel Becker - *Carol Sherman*  
- *Ellen Mendel*  
- *Ruby Vogelfanger*  
- *Carole Goodman*  
- *Elsie & Lynn Edles*

in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Norman Novak - *Laurie & Marc Daniel*

in commemoration of the yahrzeit of Harry Shames - *the Shames family*

in commemoration of the yahrzeit of David Goldfarb - *Joel Goldfarb*

to Daryl and Gail Spencer in their honor - *Helen Yagoda*

## Contributions

### *Michelle Mitzvah Group*

in honor of Ilyse Smith's birthday  
- Maureen & David Moser

### *Oakland Animal Shelter*

*(donated by their families in honor of the following simchas)*

the B'nai Mitzvah of Zac and Alex Schnellwar

### *Center for Food Action of Mahwah*

*(donated by their families in honor of the following simchas)*

the Bat Mitzvah of Leah Behar  
the Bar Mitzvah of Ben Goldstein  
the Bar Mitzvah of Scooter Kraft

### *Jewish Family Services of Rockland*

*(donated by their families in honor of the following simchas)*

the Bat Mitzvah of Annabel Theodore

## YOUTH GROUP CREATIVE SERVICE

JOIN US AT OUR  
SENIOR YOUTH GROUP'S  
CREATIVE SERVICE  
ON FRIDAY EVENING,  
FEBRUARY 14 AT 7:30 PM

COME OUT TO PRAY, SING,  
AND SUPPORT OUR TEENS!

## Refer a Friend or Family Program

Help us grow our community and share all that BHSS has to offer by referring a friend or family to join our synagogue. Here's how:

### **How it works:**

- For each family/friend referral, the referring member will receive a \$360 dues credit.
- In order to refer a family, please contact the office with the friend/family you are referring.
- If the family joins within 6 months of referral, you are eligible for the credit.
- Credit will be issued in the form of a check which will be distributed during the month of December of the current year.

### **FAQs:**

#### ***What if multiple members refer the same friend/family?***

If this occurs, the credit may be split between a maximum of two referring families.

#### ***What if I don't want the dues credit for the referral?***

We ask that you accept the credit and then donate it back to the synagogue to an area that is meaningful to you.

#### ***Can I refer someone who has previously attended synagogue events?***

Yes! However, the spirit of the program is for new introductions.

If the prospective member is already a part of our formal weekly mailing list, this will not be considered an introduction.

## January Yahrzeits

ELLEN ABRAMS	BERDIE GELFENBEIN	JAY MEYERS	BEA SHERMAN
HERMAN ACKERMAN	SCOTT GOLDBERG	HAROLD MILLMAN	MILTON SITOMER
LEAH ADLMAN	ESTHER GOODMAN-	MYRA MINTY	MARILYN SOLOMON
NORMAN ARKAWY	ZASLOW	JODI MONASH	ARIEL SORIANO
DONNA BARRACK	ELY GORDON	NANCY MORGAN	EDWARD SPENCER
LENA BENDALIN	REGINA GUNTHER	MILTON NACHINSON	TODD SPENCER
ESTHER BERNSTEIN	AARON HALL	HILDA OPELL	EVA STEDMAN
HOWARD BETTMAN	NATHAN HIEGER	AMALIA PAVLOVEC	ALLEN STEIN
CLAIRE BENDER	JACOB ISRAEL	PAUL PLOTT	JUDITH STEINMAN
RONALD BRENNER	SHIRLEY JACOBS	BENJAMIN RABIN	LOUIS STERNBERG
VINCENT BRUNHARD	ROSE JACOBSON	LEO RIVKIND	SUSAN SHERB STERNFELS
SUSANNE BUCKLER	PHOEBE JAFFE	RUTH RIVKIND	ANITA GAIL SUESKIND
LEON COHEN	RONALD JOHNSON	SAMUEL ROSENZWEIG	FLORENCE TURNER
GERALD DEFOREST	PAUL KIRSHMAN	SOLOMON ROYAL	SUMNER VICTOR
CROUCH	GERALD KLEIN	DAVID SALTZMAN	EDDIE WACHTEL
ESTHER DANTO	MILTON KLEIN	JOEL SANKEL	LILLIAN WEINER
RUTH DOBLIN	SARAH KNOX	SELMA SCHECHTER	ROBERT WEISS
SOPHIE EISENSTEIN	SYLVIA LACHER	DAVID SCHWARTZ	SONDRA WELLS
WILLIAM EISENSTEIN	DR. THEODORE LEIBMAN	DONALD SCHWARTZ	RUTH WHITMAN
THEODORE EPSTEIN	HOWARD LEIBOWITZ	ROSE SCHWARTZ	NATHAN WIDMAN
ROBERT ESTRIN	SOPHIE LIVINGSTON	RABBI SYLVAN	KARL WILDMAN
JULIA FIHRER	DODY MAGAZINER	SCHWARTZMAN	BOB WITT
LAWRENCE FLON	BERNARD MAIDENBERG	RUTH FRIEDMAN SEAGER	JEREMY ZALL
WALTER FONDILLER	JEROME MAIDENBERG	SAM SEGAL	MARK ZAVIST
MIRIAM GEBROWITZ	CELIA MEYERS	SYDNEY L. SEILER	

## Music Committee

Hello everyone!

Happy New Year and welcome to 2020! Our first program of the year is **Movie Night and Havdalah** on January 25 at 7:00 p.m. There is nothing better than friends and a movie on a cold, winter Saturday night! This year we're featuring "Yentl" with Barbra Streisand and Mandy Patinkin. We're providing refreshments. Please bring a donation to benefit the Center for Food Action.

Our Adult Choir will be celebrating **Shabbat Shirah** on February 7 at 7:30 p.m. This is always a joyful service that is a community favorite.

I would like to invite you to our meetings on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Attendance to all the meetings is not a requirement, and neither is musical talent. Come see what we are about. All are welcome! Do you have suggestions for what you would like to see? I'd love to hear from you!

Musically yours,  
Nora Berger

## February Yahrzeits

ALYSSA ALHADEFF	WILLIAM GOLDSTEIN	PINCHAS LIPSON	SOL SCHLOSSER
ROBERT ANESETTI, SR.	HENRY GREENBERG	JEANE LISK	BEVERLY SCHWARTZ
IRENE BERNSTEIN	STEWART GROSSMAN	MARTHA MAIER	ANN SEIDNER
SAMUEL BORNSTEIN	ARTHUR GUNTHER	NOAH MANDEL	ARTHUR SHERRY
MAUREEN BOYLE	ELSIE GURIAN	SYLVIA MANDEL	IRVING SILVER
FLORENCE BRESSLER	ANNA HEFFLER	DINA MARX	MARGO SIMMONS
ALICE BRICKMAN	MAX HEFFLER	GEORGE MENDELSON	JAN SIMON
MYRON BUCHALTER	IRA HIEGER	GLORIA MENDELSON	JULIUS SLAVIN
FREDEL COHEN	ROY ISRAEL	MURRAY MILLER	SIDNEY SOLOMON
HOWARD COLE	PAUL JEANETTE	DOROTHY NACHINSON	SUSAN STERN
BETTY COYNE	NORMAN KAHN	IRWIN ORSHALICK	SAMUEL SURKES
MARGARITA COYNE	JANICE KAPLAN	GEORGE S. PARIS	NICK SUSA
MONTY DWECK	EDITH KAUFMAN	JARDENA PAVLOVEC	ANDREA GREEN SWAN
LINDA FEUCHTBAUM	GLORIA KIRSHNER	TOBY PUTTERMAN	EDWARD TAPP
SOPHIA FEYGIN	SEYMOUR KRICHMAR	MERRIE RABIN	WALTER WALLISON
BEVERLY FITTERMAN	SEYMOUR LANDAU	MELVYN ROMOFF	JACOB WEINBERG
CELIA FORMAN	RUTH LEVINE	LEO ROSENGARTEN	LAURIE WEINBERG
ALTER GEBROWITZ	BERT LEVITT	MOLLIE ROSENZWEIG	MARTA WICHLER
LEA GLITMAN-ALKALAI	THELMA LEVITT	SAMUEL ROTH	JACOB WIDMAN
IRVING GLUCOFT	ABRAHAM LEVY	SIDNEY B. ROYAL	BETTY WILDMAN
ALVIN GOLDBERG	DAVID LEVY	HARRY SAULT	HARRY ZALL
MITCH GOLDMAN	MARVIN LEVY	SOL SCHER	LEONARD ZINN
	MIRIAM LICHTENFELD	RONA SCHICK	

## Caring Committee

Once again, the Caring Committee has been hard at work tending to our congregants' needs. We wish to thank all those who have contributed to our committee's work - whether you donated your time or your culinary talents. The recipients of your efforts and generosity are always overwhelmed and touched.

The winter season is here and the Caring Committee anticipates a busier time making sure our members are taken care of. We are ALL needed year-round and encourage you to volunteer to cook meals or soup, drive members to appointments and/or synagogue functions, call

to follow up on our more vulnerable members, or help to make a minyan at *shiva* services.

Thank you for all you have done for each other to date. Let's have a safe and somewhat warm winter season. If you need the services of the Caring Committee or if you wish to join or volunteer, please contact:

Candy Kassover (candy1951@optonline.net)

or Laura Miller(mlctsmiller@verizon.net).

Thank you.



**FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 1 @ URJ CAMP HARLAM**  
**BHSS CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT 2020**

ENJOYED BY SINGLES, COUPLES, FAMILIES – ALL AGES AND INTERESTS

**I GET BY WITH A LITTLE HELP  
FROM MY FRIENDS**

Look out for new chugs - there will be something for everyone: movement, songs, drum circle, art, food, study, games, crafting, campfire and much more!

Come for Informal Services and Inspiring Song Sessions!

Retreat Shabbat services count toward Bar/Bat Mitzvah attendance requirements.

**Come for the weekend or Saturday only!**

Many thanks to the BHSS Endowment for significantly underwriting the cost of the retreat! Space is limited, so sign up soon! Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Need-based, confidential assistance with retreat fees is available - contact Rabbi Ilana privately ([rabbischwartzman@gmail.com](mailto:rabbischwartzman@gmail.com).)

Let's ***Come Together*** for the 2020 BHSS Retreat from the evening of February 28 through Sunday morning, March 1.

***Baby You Can Drive My Car*** or take a

***Yellow Submarine*** and take the ***Long and Winding Road***

to Camp Harlam for this ***Magical Mystery*** Weekend.

Don't be the ***Fool on the Hill*** who doesn't RSVP.

Make sure to ***Get Back*** to us with your RSVP.

You can reach us ***Eight Days a Week***.

We will ***Twist and Shout*** with Rabbi and Cantor.

We hope you will join us. ***ALL TOGETHER NOW!***

## *Good & Welfare* from & for the congregation

### *Condolences*

to **Gary Savoy** on the death of his mother, Linda Savoy  
to **Bill Pearlman** on the death of his father, Ben Pearlman

### *Mazal Tov*

to **Deborah and Jeff Klein** on the marriage of their daughter Sydney to Seth Cohn  
to **Mona and Jeff Lefkowitz** on the engagement of their daughter Jaclyn to Ben Kalter  
to **Arlene and Rich Mandel** on the engagement of their son Phillip to Catherine Zinser

### *Thank you*

Our D.A.R.E holiday toy drive was a huge success!! Every child received a gift!  
Thank you for all who donated and to the **Kadimah students** for sorting.

Thank you to all who supported the BHSS Book Fair! Happy Reading!!

Thank you to **ShopRite of Ramsey** for donating all of the latkes that were served at the religious school's Chanukah celebrations!

On behalf of Rabbi Ilana, Cantor Perper and the Board of Trustees we are profoundly grateful to the **Brandman family** for the generous gift of two hundred (200) *Mishkan Tefilah* prayer books, which were on the BHSS wish list.



*Lisa Barrack*

Everyone needs a Lisa: a good friend, a kind heart, a diligent hand, a safe embrace, a wise spirit, and a dear friend.

Congregational member and staff member, part of the team and part of our lives.

There is nothing you cannot do.

We wish you every happiness and success on your move out of state.

תודה רבה ולהתראות  
*Toda Raba and L'hitraot*

*Happy New Year!*

# High Holiday Appeal

Maxine & Howard Abner  
Jennifer & Brian Altman  
Bill & Sandra Arlington  
Norman & Alison Axelrod  
Garret & Jessica Bedrin  
Joseph & Elyse Victor Berman  
Shelley Berson  
Robert Blau  
Janet Burton  
George & Karen Charne  
Michael & Dorothy Cohen  
Rick & Liz Cohen  
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Matthew & Jennifer Cole  
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Marc & Laurie Daniel  
Erica & Joshua Fox  
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Adam & Michelle Gilbert  
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Jeffery & Susan Goldstein  
Carole Goodman  
Dennis & Susan Gralla  
Martin & Merri Gurian  
Robyn & Marc Harris  
Joel & Sheryl Ives  
Sue-Ellen Johnson

Len & Meryl Kaplan  
Michael & Candy Kassover  
Jeffrey & Deborah Klein  
Donna & Adam Kotz  
Dan & Veronica Lenchner  
Peter & Kathy Liebmann  
Paul & Clare Lipson  
Martin & Rhoda Lonow  
Jonathan & Suzanne Lynn  
Richard & Arlene Mandel  
Bruce & Phyllis Meller *In honor of  
Ritch & Lori Yanowitz*  
Rod & Rebecca McVeigh  
Allan & Maddy Melzer  
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Helen Milstein  
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Phil Moss  
Vida Mylson & Eric Weiner  
Marcy & Jeremy Nanus  
Judy & John Neumann  
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Jay & Melissa Peller  
Charles Pesin  
Iva & Steven Rea

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Daryl & Gail Spencer  
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## Spousal Bereavement Group

We will be having our next meeting to see who is interested in a social/discussion group for anyone who would appreciate being among like-minded members. Watch for the date and time in the weekly BHSS e-news, and contact the office if you are interested in joining us.

# *Yizkor Appeal*

## *In Loving Memory Of*

Maxine & Howard Abner  
Bill & Sandra Arlington  
Norman & Alison Axelrod  
Herbert & Joyce Barrack  
Bilha Berkowitz  
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Florence & Jerry David, Irene & Louis Bernstein  
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Sondra & Stanley Wells, Claire Pesin & Ruth Pesin  
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Alice & Ed Brickman, Elsie & Julius Diamant  
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Shirley & Murray Marks, Ben, Helen & Robert Kassover  
Harvey & Linda Lenchner  
Paul Levitt, Eva Stedman, Saul Stedman  
Esther Lonow, Rosa & Harold Weinberg  
All deceased members of the Mandel/Klein Family  
Ruth Ansin, Manual Ansin & Margo Ansin Simmons  
Barbara Moss, Esther Moss, George Moss, Beatrice Lerner Moss,  
Ethel Pesin, Irving Pesin, Victor Levy, Sarah Blecher  
Roslyn & Harold Millman  
Brad Perlstein, Marilyn Krichmar, Seymour Krichmar, Susan Schlussel,  
Lyle Schlussel, Louis Schlussel

Seymour Oventhal  
Jacob Weinberg, Estelle Weinberg, Howard Weinberg,  
Eugene Reinstein, Leah Reinstein  
Bernard Maidenberg, Norman Schlissel  
Our Parents  
Jesse Ellman  
Ann Seidner  
Allen Nudelman  
Dr. Arthur Sternberg, Herbert Siegel  
Shalom Bienenfeld  
Charles Romano, Ramza Worm, Vernon Taylor, Leon & Dorothy Auerbach  
Morton Fuchs, David York & Joseph Rothenbucher  
Fred Wichler  
Jeremy Zall





# *Shabbat Shirah*

## Sabbath in Song

**Friday, February 7, 7:30 pm**

Join Cantor Perper and our awesome all volunteer adult choir  
for a service of beautiful singing and spirit!

### *Tu B'Shvat: The New Year for Trees*



**Join us on Friday, February 7  
for Shabbat Services as  
we prepare for Tu B'Shvat**

Tu B'Shvat, the 15th of Shvat, is the day that marks the beginning of the "New Year for Trees." This is the season in which the earliest-blooming trees in the land of Israel merge from their winter sleep and begin a new fruit-bearing cycle.

On Tu B'Shvat we eat fruit, particularly from the kinds that are singled out by the Torah in its praise of the bounty: grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. Bokser- carob- is also a popular holiday treat. This day is also known as "Arbor Day" and is celebrated by school-children in Israel who plant trees.

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# Worship Schedule

Friday, January 3	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service
Saturday, January 4	No Shabbat Morning service	
Friday, January 10	5:15 Tot Shabbat	
	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service
		Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Berwitz family
Saturday, January 11	10:00 am	Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Berwitz
Friday, January 17	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service
Saturday, January 18	No Shabbat Morning service	
Friday, January 24	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service
		Oneg Shabbat Hosts: the Sica and Tetefsky families
Saturday, January 25	10:00 am	B'nai Mitzvah of Ryan Sica and Remi Tetefsky
Friday, January 31	6:30 pm	Shabbat Family service
		Oneg Shabbat Hosts: Irizarry family
		<i>Birthdays in January &amp; February will be celebrated</i>
Saturday, February 1	10:00 am	Bat Mitzvah of Sloane Irizarry
Friday, February 7	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service ~ Shabbat Shirah
		Oneg Shabbat Hosts: Grossman and Mandler families
Saturday, February 8	10:00 am	B'nai Mitzvah of Jonathan Grossman and Julia Mandler
Friday, February 14	5:15 pm	Tot Shabbat
	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service, Creative Youth Group service
		Oneg Shabbat Hosts: Watton family
Saturday, February 15	10:00 am	Bar Mitzvah of Jared Watton
Friday, February 21	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service
Saturday, February 22	No Shabbat Morning service	
Friday, February 28	7:30 pm	Shabbat Evening service
Saturday, February 29	No Shabbat Morning service	

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**Sessions of School:**

Sundays: January 5, 12, 26 & February 2, 9, 23  
Mondays: January 6, 13, 27 & February 3, 10, 24  
Tuesdays: January 7, 14, 28 & February 4, 11, 25

**Office Closed:**

Wednesday, January 1  
Monday, January 20

## To do in January and February



- Torah Study Shabbat mornings, 8:15 or 9 am, please check the calendar
- Learn Hebrew with Rebecca McVeigh, Wednesday mornings
- Learn to chant Torah with Cantor Perper Sunday evenings
- Join Rabbi Ilana for Back to Judaism Basics: Jewish Thoughts on Contemporary Issues
- Tot Shabbat Fridays, January 10 & February 14, 5:15 pm
- Music Committee movie night, Yentl, Saturday, January 25, 7:00 pm, FREE!  
Please consider bringing a donation for the CFA
- Attend Shabbat Family Services Friday, January 31, 6:30 pm,  
January & February birthdays will be celebrated
- Enjoy Shabbat Shirah on Friday, February 7, 7:30 pm
- Thought for Food on Tuesday, January 28, Food From Your Past and  
Wednesday, February 19, Your Bubby's Comfort Food, 7:30 pm
- Attend the Congregational Retreat on Friday, February 28-Sunday, March 1
- Purchase a raffle ticket from BHSS Sisterhood to see Elton John, Farewell Tour

*Donate to the CFA  
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